

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Wye Landing Farm

AND/OR COMMON

King Hayes Farm, Indian Hill

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Wye Landing Road, 1.9 miles west of Rt. 662.

CITY, TOWN

Wye Mills

— VICINITY OF

First

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Talbot

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☐ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

E. C. Staber

Telephone #: (301) 822-2974

STREET & NUMBER

Wye Landing Road

CITY, TOWN

Wye Mills

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21679

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

N. Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

On a hill overlooking Wye Landing is a handsome brick telescopic house. It is called by various names, including the present name of "Wye Landing Farm", "King Hayes Farm", "Indian Hill", etc.. It is composed of three brick portions on a northeast-southwest axis, with the main gable facing the Wye River at its juncture with Skipton Creek and Wye Narrows. The latter gable is two rooms deep and each room has two windows flanking its fireplace, a total of ten windows plus four basement windows. This is an instance where the designer of an early house was conscious of a superb view.

From the Flemish bond brickwork and other peculiarities it appears that the smaller portion of the three part house was built first as a one or one and one-half story cottage. It is only two bays long and the northeast gable was replaced when the second story was added, subsequent to the other two portions.

Both of the larger portions are two and one-half storys tall, one two rooms deep and the other one room deep. Since there is no seam on the common southeast wall, these two parts must have been constructed simultaneously. Each portion is three bays long and has two dormers on each side of its 'A' roof.

The brick is laid in Flemish bond on northwest and southwest facades of the large portion without water table or belt course. Flat arches above windows and doors are one and one-half brick deep. The unshuttered windows have 9/6 sash on first and second storys; basement sash are located behind horizontal bar grills. Two large chimney stacks rise high above the roof on the southwest gable-facade. In the dormers, the upper sash are arched, which project into the open pediment supported by narrow pilasters.

The central structure is located near the ground, about two and one-half feet below the large section, and is without basement. Its window arches are only one brick deep and the northwest facade is laid in Flemish bond, without farther ornamentation. One chimney is located within the gable adjoining the kitchen (smallest part). Entrances to both sections are located in the bay nearest their juncture.

Behind the small wing stands a brick milkhouse with very wide overhang.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY: )
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Wye Landing Farm is one of the great Federal houses of upper Talbot County. Few telescopic buildings in the County are built on such a large scale and few have a finer location. The building is similar to, though earlier than, Jamaica Point in the lower part of the County.

The brick milkhouse is a good survival of auxiliary buildings typical of farms in the area. Other milkhouses existing in the area are located at Sedgewick and Wye Plantation, Queen Anne's County and Compton and Wilderness, Talbot County.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Forman, H.C., Early Manor and Plantation Houses ....., 1934,  
p. 180

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

Jan. 13, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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12 x 1.58

75%

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Indian Hill or Wye landing, King Hayes Farm

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N.W. facade

M. Bourne

11/70



Indian Hill or Wye Landing, King Hayes Farm

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S.E. facade

in Bourne

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